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SUBJECT: ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF FATHERS UNDER SECTION 101(B)(1)(B)

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FOR VO/RLD

1. POST ESTIMATES 600 NATURAL CHILDREN/FATHER CASES ADJUDICATED DURING LAST YEAR.
2. WHERE INFORMATION ON NATURAL FATHER MISSING FROM BIRTH RECORD, SECONDARY EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED BY AFFIDAVIT FROM NATURAL MOTHER AND/OR OTHER CREDIBLE WITNESSES. ALSO REQUIRED ARE AFFIDAVITS AND EVIDENCE ESTABLISHMENT OR PRIOR "FAMILY UNIT," AS APPLICABLE. EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING SUPPORT OF CHILD OR CHILDREN ALSO REQUIRED AS UNDER NATION DECISION. LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL EVIDENCE OF PATERNAL RELATIONSHIP, SUCH AS ORDER OF AFFILIATION OR AMENDMENT TO BIRTH RECORD THROUGH RESIDENT MAGISTRATE COURT AFTER AGE OF ONE YEAR USUALLY LENGTHY PROCESS. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED EASILY OBTAINABLE AND POST HAS NOT HERETOFORE REQUIRED IT.
3. NO ESTABLISHED FRAUD ENCOUNTERED WITHIN LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, POST'S CAPABILITY DETECT SUCH FRAUD IS VERY LIMITED. MOST BIRTH RECORDS INCLUDE AT LEAST NATURAL FATHER'S SURNAME.
4. UNDER PRESENT JAMAICAN LAW, ORDER OF AFFILIATION (WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH PATERNITY) ISSUED BY RESIDENT MAGISTRATE (OR JUSTICE OF CLERK OR PARISH COURT) TO ORDER SUPPORT APPEARS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE ONLY AVENUE TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY BY JUDICIAL OR

ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS.

5. IT IS POST'S CONSIDERED VIEW THAT OUR PRESENT PRACTICE OF ESTABLISHING PATERNITY IN NATURAL CHILD CASES WHERE FATHER IS AN ALIEN PLACES ONEROUS OBLIGATION AND WORKLOAD UPON CONSULAR OFFICER. WHEN APPLICANT RESIDES OUTSIDE US IT SHOULD BE MATTER FOR HOST GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE PATERNITY OF ITS NATIONALS. IF HOST GOVERNMENT HAS NO EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR PERFORMING THIS TASK, THAT STATE OF AFFAIRS SHOULD SIMPLY BE ACCEPTED INSTEAD OF OBLIGATING USG TO ESTABLISH FACTS OF COMPLICATED MATTER IN FOREIGN LAND.

6. AS GENERAL NOTE, ILLEGITIMATE PARENTS ARE MAJOR COMPLICATING FACTOR IN ADMINISTRATION OF US IMMIGRATION LAW IN JAMAICA. HOWEVER INCREDIBLE IT MAY SEEM, AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HERE ESTIMATE THAT EIGHTY PERCENT OF ALL JAMAICANS ARE BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK. TRADITIONAL PATTERN IS FOR WOMAN TO HAVE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FATHERED BY DIFFERENT MEN. IN ALMOST ALL CASES THE MOTHER OR MOTHER'S FAMILY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD'S UPBRINGING AND WELFARE. JAMAICAN MEN ARE NOTORIOUS FOR IRRESPONSIBILITY THIS REGARD. BREAKDOWN OF NATURAL CHILD CASES HERE REVEALS THAT 90 PERCENT ARE IN CARE OF MOTHER OR MOTHER'S FAMILY, 5 PERCENT ARE IN CARE OF NATURAL FATHER AND STEP-MOTHER AND 5 PERCENT ARE IN CARE OF GRANDMOTHER AFTER MOTHER HAS ABANDONED. FOR THESE REASONS POST DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT US LAW BE REVISED TO PROVIDE ANY DERIVATIVE BENEFITS FOR ILLEGITIMATE ALIEN FATHERS. IF LAW IS CHANGE, AS CONTEMPLATED, RESULT IN JAMAICA WILL BE NOT SO MUCH HIGH INCIDENCE OF FRAUD IN FALSELY CLAIMING PATERNITY, BUT RATHER WIDESPREAD WINDFALL TO ILLEGITIMATE FATHERS OF A GRATUITOUS BENEFIT TO WHICH ROLE IN JAMAICA SOCIAL SYSTEM DOES NOT ENTITLE THEM.

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